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#### COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

## STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, SEPTEMBER 25, 2000

APPLICATION OF

OLD DOMINION ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CASE NO. PUE000345 d/b/a COOPERATIVE ENERGY

For a license to conduct business as a competitive service provider in electric and natural gas retail access pilot programs

## ORDER FOR NOTICE AND COMMENT

On June 19, 2000, Old Dominion Electric Cooperative d/b/a Cooperative Energy ("Cooperative Energy" or "Applicant") filed an application for licensure to conduct business as a competitive service provider to all classes of customers throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia in conjunction with any electric retail access pilot program approved by the Commission. The application was completed with an amendment to the application filed July 10, 2000.

By additional amendments to its application on August 4, 2000, and September 13, 2000, Cooperative Energy now also seeks authority to become a licensed competitive service provider in natural gas retail access pilot programs. The Commission has approved such pilot programs for Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc., and Washington Gas Light Company.

NOW UPON CONSIDERATION of the application as further amended, the Commission is of the opinion that Cooperative Energy should give appropriate notice of its amended application to provide competitive natural gas service; and that the Commission Staff should conduct an investigation into the reasonableness of the application, as amended, and present its findings in a Staff Memorandum.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) On or before September 29, 2000, Cooperative Energy shall complete publication of the following notice to be published on one (1) occasion as classified advertising in newspapers of general circulation within the geographical areas approved by the Commission for each natural gas pilot program in which the Applicant seeks to participate:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY OLD DOMINION ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE D/B/A COOPERATIVE ENERGY TO CONDUCT BUSINESS AS A COMPETITIVE SERVICE PROVIDER IN ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS RETAIL ACCESS PILOT PROGRAMS

CASE NO. PUE000345

On June 19, 2000, Old Dominion Electric Cooperative d/b/a Cooperative Energy ("Cooperative Energy" or "Applicant") filed an application with the State Corporation Commission for a license to conduct business as a competitive service provider in electric retail access pilot programs approved by the Commission. Cooperative Energy filed amendments to its application on August 4, 2000, and September 13, 2000, and it now also seeks to act as a competitive service provider in Commission

approved retail access pilot programs for natural gas. The Commission has approved such pilot programs for Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc., and Washington Gas Light Company.

Copies of Cooperative Energy's application as amended are available for public inspection between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23218, or can be ordered from Applicant's counsel, David D. Addison, Jr., Esquire, LeClair Ryan, Innsbrook Corporate Center, 4201 Dominion Boulevard, Suite 200, Glen Allen, Virginia 23060.

Any person desiring to comment in writing on Cooperative Energy's amended application for licensure to provide competitive natural gas service may do so by directing an original and five (5) copies of such comments on or before October 10, 2000, to Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, and shall refer to Case No. PUE000345. A copy of such comments simultaneously shall be sent to Applicant's counsel, David D. Addison, Jr., Esquire, at the address set forth above.

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(2) Any person desiring to comment in writing on Cooperative Energy's application as it pertains to the provision of competitive natural gas service may do so by directing an original and five (5) copies of such comments on or before October 10, 2000, to the Clerk of the Commission, c/o Document

Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218.

Comments must refer to Case No. PUE000345. On or before

October 10, 2000, a copy of such comments also must be mailed by first-class mail, or hand-delivered, to counsel for Applicant,

David D. Addison, Jr., Esquire, LeClair Ryan, Innsbrook

Corporate Center, 4201 Dominion Boulevard, Suite 200, Glen

Allen, Virginia 23060.

- (3) The Commission Staff shall analyze the reasonableness of Cooperative Energy's application as it pertains to the provision of competitive natural gas service and shall present its findings in a Staff Memorandum to be filed on or before October 13, 2000. A copy of the Staff Memorandum shall be mailed to the Applicant and any other person submitting comments.
- (4) On or before October 19, 2000, the Applicant shall file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and fifteen (15) copies of any response it may have to the Staff Memorandum and any comments that have been filed. A copy of the Applicant's response shall be mailed by overnight delivery to the Commission Staff and any other person submitting comments.
- (5) On or before October 10, 2000, the Applicant shall file with the Clerk of the Commission proof of the publication of notice required in Ordering Paragraph (1).
  - (6) This matter is continued generally.